## WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3410

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 18, 1989

Application of AIRPORT BAGGAGE	)	Case No. CP-89-03
CARRIERS, INC., for Special	)	
Authorization to Perform Charter	) ·	
Operations Pursuant to Contract	<b>j</b>	
with CLOSE UP FOUNDATION	<u>,</u>	

By application filed August 23, 1989, Airport Baggage Carriers, Inc. (applicant), seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with Close Up Foundation (Close Up) transporting employees and youths participating in educational tour programs arranged and conducted by Close Up, together with baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, between points in the Metropolitan District. \*/

Order No. 3398, served August 28, 1989, generally describes the evidence submitted with the application and that order is incorporated herein by reference. The Commission required publication of notice, the filing of an affidavit of publication, and corrected financial data. Applicant complied with these requirements. A revised balance sheet dated April 30, 1989, and filed with the Commission on August 31, 1989, shows \$1,720,520 in total assets (including \$23,739 in cash), \$1,117,576 in liabilities, and \$477,379 in equity (including \$356,042 in retained earnings). No protests to the application were received by the Commission.

Commission Regulation No. 70 provides that an application of this type will be granted if it is determined that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and to conform to the provisions of Regulation No. 70. The issue of whether the public convenience and necessity require such service has been determined in Case No. MP-79-04. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.

Inasmuch as the contract is for a fixed term of at least 181 days and provides for the transportation of students and teachers pursuant to contract between an accredited school and a carrier, the Commission finds that this application conforms to the requirements of Commission Regulation No. 70. It is further found, based on the

<sup>\*/</sup> To the extent the application proposed transportation between points solely within Virginia, it was dismissed pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b), by Order No. 3398.

evidence of record as described in Order No. 3398, that applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to provide the service above-described and to conform to the requirements of the Compact and the rules, and regulations, and orders of the Commission thereunder. Applicant has a current certificate of insurance on file with the Commission. An appropriate authorization shall issue.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director